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**REQUEST FOR REPUBLICATION OF PATENT
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Applicant hereby requests republication of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2006/0180065 A1, which was published on August 17, 2006. This request for republication is being made within two months of the publication date and is therefore timely.

The material mistake which is apparent from the USPTO records is that the PCT priority date is incorrectly listed as March 19, 2003. This was correctly listed on the Application Data Sheet filed with the application as March 19, 2004. A request to correct this error, which also appeared on the Filing Receipt issued on May 9, 2006, was filed on May 25, 2006, after receipt and review of the Filing Receipt by applicants' undersigned attorney.

Applicants submit that the error in the PCT filing date is a material mistake requiring correction as it may affect the public's ability to appreciate the provisional rights provided by this application due to a facially invalid priority claim.

As this error was caused by the USPTO and applicants attempted to rectify the error when it was initially noted on the Filing Receipt in a timely manner well

before the publication date of this application, correction is respectfully requested.

It is also noted that the Assignment for published patent application which was also provided with the initial filing of this application did not occur. Although this would not be considered to be a material mistake, to the extent that the application is scheduled for republication, it is respectfully requested that the Assignment for published patent application data also be included.

A marked-up copy of the cover page of US 2006/0180065 A1 is attached showing the corrections.

If there are any questions or additional information is required, it is respectfully requested that the office contact the undersigned as required.

Respectfully submitted,

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